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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: COVER LETTER FOR SOUTH AFRICA

REF: USUN 1048

1. CONTACT GROUP MET 23 MARCH AND AGREED UPON THE FOLLOW-
ING CHANGES TO THE COVERING LETTER FOR SOUTH AFRICA.
CAPE TOWN PLEASE PASS TO CANADIAN EMBASSY. ALL POSTS
PLEASE PASS TO FRG EMBASSIES. BONN PLEASE PASS TO FONOFF.

2. CHANGES AS FOLLOWS:

PARA 2: IN FOURTH SENTENCE DELETE "WILL"; IN FIFTH
SENTENCE REPLACE "REVISED" WITH "DEFINITIVE"; IN LAST
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SENTENCE REPLACE "SENDING" WITH "GIVING".

PARA 3: DELETE SECOND SENTENCE.

PARA 4: IN FIRST SENTENCE DELETE "AS TO WHO HAS
SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OVER NAMIBIA". IN LAST SENTENCE DELETE
"BROAD".

PARA 5 NOW READS: "WE HAVE ALSO RECOGNIZED, AND WE BELIEVE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL RECOGNIZE, THAT AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE TERRITORY SHOULD REMAIN IN BEING DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES IN THE TERRITORY, AND TO PROVIDE A CONTINUING ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR THE EMERGENCE OF NAMIBIA TO NATIONHOOD IN THE BEST CIRCUMSTANCES."

PARA 6: FIRST SENTENCE NOW READS, "HOWEVER, WE ALSO HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY." IN THE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE DELETE "THE DETAILS OF" AND IN THE LAST SENTENCE CHANGE "EQUAL MEMBER" TO "FULL MEMBER".

PARA 7: LAST HALF OF THIS PARAGRAPH NOW READS: "FIGHTING WILL CONTINUE AND THERE WILL BE DEMANDS THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE OSTRACIZED. NO ONE CAN GUARANTEE A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD FREE OF RISKS. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT WE HAVE MADE EVERY EFFORT IN OUR PROPOSAL TO TAKE POSSIBLE RISKS INTO ACCOUNT AND TO FORESTALL THEM. MOREOVER WE BELIEVE THAT THE RISKS OF A CONTESTED INDEPENDENCE ARE GREATER."

PARA 8: IN FIRST SENTENCE DELETE "THE SIZE, DEPLOYMENT
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AND DATE OF WITHDRAWAL OF" AND "THE SIZE AND FUNCTIONS OF".

PARA 9: THE SIXTH SENTENCE NOW READS, "...WHETHER BY THE UN, OR BY CIVILIANS, OF THE NORTHERN INSTALLATIONS." NEXT SENTENCE NOW READS "WE HAVE OUTLINED TO YOU THE IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING PEACEFUL CONDITIONS ALONG THE NORTHERN BORDER: WE HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS ON THIS MATTER, WHICH WE SHALL CONTINUE TO PURSUE". IN THE EIGHTH SENTENCE REPLACE "NON-POLITICAL" WITH "THE". THE LAST SENTENCE NOW READS, "...AND WILL CERTAINLY HAVE TO ENSURE THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER AND THE PREVENTION OF INFILTRATION AND INTIMIDATION."

PARA 10: THE SECOND SENTENCE NOW READS, "WE WELCOME YOUR READINESS NOT TO INSIST THAT OUR PROPOSAL SHOULD CONTAIN A MAXIMUM FIGURE FOR THE UN CONTINGENT." THE LAST SENTENCE NOW READS, "OUR FIVE GOVERNMENTS WILL BE KEEPING A VERY CLOSE WATCH ON THE SITUATION."

PARA 11: DELETE THIS PARAGRAPH. SUBSEQUENT PARAS
RENUMBERED TO REFLECT THIS CHANGE.

PARA 12: (NOW PARA 11) IN FIRST SENTENCE REPLACE "NOT CAUSE YOU" WITH "REDUCE YOUR". THE SECOND SENTENCE NOW READS, "...IF THEY CONSULT EACH OTHER INFORMALLY AND WITH A VIEW TO FULL COOPERATION BETWEEN THEM." THE LAST SENTENCE NOW READS, "...THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES OR OTHER APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, WORKING CLOSELY WITH..."

PARA 13 (NOW PARA 12) NOW READS: "WE RECOGNIZE THAT OUR PROPOSAL MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN ALL DETAILS TO ANY OF THE PARTIES. IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE PAST NINE

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

MONTHS, WE HAVE ESTABLISHED MORE COMMON GROUND THAN WE THOUGHT POSSIBLE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT, INEVITABLY, THERE ARE MATTERS WHICH WILL CAUSE YOU DIFFICULTIES. WE HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER OUR PROPOSAL AS A WHOLE VERY SERIOUSLY INDEED AND NOT REJECT IT OUT OF HAND. IT IS NOW A QUESTION OF POLITICAL WILL ON ALL SIDES. WE INTEND TO LAY OUR PROPOSAL BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND WE HOPE THAT THE COUNCIL WILL ACT UPON IT. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS

A GOOD PROSPECT OF INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR OUR PRO-
POSAL. THIS IN ITSELF WILL BE AN IMPORTANT BREAK-
THROUGH."

PARA 14 (NOW PARA 13): THE LAST SENTENCE NOW READS: "WE
INTEND TO USE ALL THE INFLUENCE WE HAVE AT THE UNITED
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NATIONS TO THIS END."

PARA 15 (NOW PARA 14): IN THE FIRST SENTENCE REPLACE
"REPERCUSSIONS IN" WITH "BENEFITS TO". IN LAST
SENTENCE, ADD "SERIOUS" BEFORE "CONSEQUENCES".
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